

Remarks

Status of the Claims

Claims 2, 6, 13, 21-25, 27 and 28 have previously been canceled. Claims 8, 16 and 29-31 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-12, 14-20, 26 and 29-31 are in the case.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-12, 17-19 and 26 are allowed.

Claims 8, 14, 16 and 20 are objected to for reasons of formality. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's pointing out the typographical errors introduced into those claims. All the Examiner's concerns regarding those claims have been addressed by the amendments to claims 8 and 16, and the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 USC §112

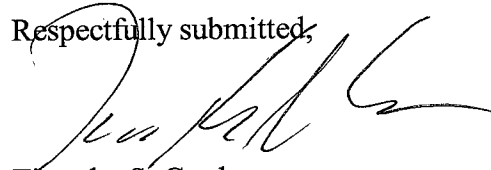
Claims 29-31 have been amended to remove reference to fibers. It is Applicant's belief that this amendment places those claims in condition for allowance as well.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that all the Examiner's concerns have been completely addressed and that all the pending claims are now in condition for immediate allowance. An early indication to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions that would expedite allowance and issuance of the present application, a telephone call to the undersigned representative would be welcome.

Respectfully submitted,



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